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CHARLESTON, IL--Keith Clark is the assistant government editor of The Daily Eastern News, the student newspaper of Eastern Illinois University.

Keith, son of Jack and Shirley Clark of 93 Downing Dr., Chatham, is a 1980 graduate of Chatham Glenwood High School. He is a journalism major at EIU.

A junior, Keith said he chose journalism as a career because he has always enjoyed writing and feels he can be useful and happy as a journalist.

He said his career goal is to work in public relations or some other form of the media.

He began his collegiate journalism career as a reporter for the government and administration staffs. He has since worked as a columnist, assistant night editor, night sports editor and assistant government editor.

As assistant government editor, Keith aids the government editor in her duties of managing a staff of reporters, assigning and editing their stories for each day's paper.

Keith is a member of the Society for Collegiate Journalists, an honorary organization for college journalism students who have shown talent and desire to achieve through their work on one of EIU's publications.

He was named to the Dean's List, a recognition of academic excellence, in the spring semester 1982.

The Daily Eastern News has won many awards, including an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press every year since 1973, and was recently chosen as one of five finalists for ACP's coveted Pacemaker Award, which recognizes the best college newspaper in the country.

The Journalism Department, which sponsors the News, recently received national accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications for excellence in their curriculum and student activities. Eastern became one of only 85 schools in the nation to be accredited out of approximately 300 schools which have journalism majors.